Salem Police Department NEWS RELEASE

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Salem Police Make Arrest in Assault Incident

On Saturday, October 2, 2010, at 10:01pm, the Salem Police Department along with Roanoke College Campus Safety officers responded to the area of N. Market Street and College Alley in reference to a reported assault of a student.

An 18-year-old male student told officers that while he was walking in the parking lot located near Marion Hall he was approached by four males. One of the males asked the victim for a lighter and upon producing the lighter; the victim was struck in the face by one of the males.   All four males then left the area on foot.

The victim then returned to his dormitory where emergency personnel responded to administer aid. The student was transported to Roanoke Memorial Hospital where he received additional treatment for his injuries.

A subsequent investigation conducted by the Salem Police Department and the Roanoke College Office of Campus Safety, in which all four individuals were interviewed, led to the arrest of a 17-year-old male from Roanoke. The suspect was taken into custody around 11:00pm on October 4, 2010, and charged with malicious wounding. The suspect is currently being held in the Roanoke Valley Detention Center pending a court hearing.

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